fresh elections are to be held to constitute panchayats. In Uttar Pradesh, elections in the hill districts have not been held so far. Panchayats have also to be constituted at the Zila Parishad level in Manipur and Goa. Among the Union Territories, elections are due in Lakshadweep and Pondicherry.

(b) and (c) Holding of elections to panchayats is the responsibility of the State Government/State Election Commission concerned. They are required to complete the election process in respect of panchayats whithin such time as is absolutely necessary for completing the election process. However, no firm dates have been received from the above States/UTs. for holding the elections to panchayats so far.

Setting up of a Commission on Corruption

1299. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for setting up of a high power commisison on corruption; and

(b) if so, its composition, terms of reference and date of appointment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Super Thermal Power Stations

1300. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Super Thermal Power Stations established in the country;

(b) the capacity of each such station;

(c) whether all those stations have started commercial production;

(d) if so, the power being generated from each of them at present; and

(e) the details of the programme?

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) to (e) The details of Super Thermal Power Stations (STPSs) established in the country, alongwith their installed capacity power generated from them during 1995-96 and the generation programme for 1996-97 are given below:—

Sl. No.	Station	Installed Capacity (MW)	Generation (MUs) (1995-96)	Generation Plan for 1996-97 (MUs)
1.	Singrauli STPS	2000	14983	14300
2.	Korba STPS	2100	15397	14500
3.	Ramagundam STPS	2100	14742	14500
4.	Farakka STPS	1600	6512	7000
5.	Vindhyachal STPS	1260	9272	8600
6.	Rihand STPS	1000	7621	6700
7.	Talcher STPS	1000	701	3500

All the above Super Thermal Power Stations have been operating commercially except Farakka STPS Stage-II (Unit IV only) and Talcher STPS.

Schemes for the Betterment of Rural poor

1301. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the schemes formulated and implemented during the last five years for the betterment of the poor people in the rural areas;

(b) the results achieved through these schemes; and

(c) the estimate of the number of people who have been provided gainful employment through implementation of these schemes?